

A. M. 27.

Palazzo Salviati, 117, via della Lunga, Rome, Nov.  
17, 1857. — Help ho! R. D. W. am I not a pretty  
fellow, to treat Anne written or any of the Sisters  
in such a manner? — This present 8<sup>th</sup> of February  
1858, is the first time for ever so long that I have  
a fair chance of writing to you, and since you  
litter reached me in Rome had a dull time in this  
house. My daughter Deborah looked delicate  
spells for some days, during which she was troubled  
with a pain in the side of which we knew nothing  
until she was compelled to take to her bed, and then  
she was in for a few nervous fits which were not  
very severe in itself - but it was attended of followed  
by a tertian attack of inflammation which at times  
filled the room with his groans & although she has  
great endurance & is very anxious to be a burden to  
others. She is now quite invincible, but the attacks  
are so sharp and so long that she has not yet  
by any means recovered her former health. At the  
same time of this poor girls illness as for a good  
part of the time my mother in law with was with  
us, very feeble, ailing, ill and nervous, — and  
between them the house was like an hospital  
and she had a dreary time - not knowing what  
would be the end of it all.

The cause of my present writing is to herald the  
coming of a very good fellow, my double first cousin,  
whose mother was my father's sister. His father my  
mother's brother, Jacob Sparrow at Ross Lecois in his  
native Ireland here in Dublin, has taken  
a violent fancy to visit Italy, & talk of going  
first to Naples in less than a fortnight from today  
— from thence to Rome. He is not specially literary,  
scholarly, classical or romantic — but the wits with  
which he is endowed by blood, have the power of being

perfectly off & you round the world for spot - and  
I # suppose he has unbared some of this spirit.  
Now this may be, he is one of the best souls I  
have any knowledge of - kind, sincere, straight  
forward, and high spirited in the best sense  
and I feel particular pleasure in doing him a  
service. With this crew I have been deep in  
Murray I have studied him much more deeply  
in his account than in any one. There is a  
plan for doing Rome in 8 days. I have gone  
over this carefully, meeting every thing of mind  
calculated and making out an itinerary which I  
flatter myself will be of great use to him. He has  
a pair of long legs, and will be well provided with  
money so that I expect he will get over the ground  
and pay his way like a man - but I told him  
I would give him a line to some friends of mine also  
~~that~~ could for my sake give him a hand or two  
provided he stood in need of it. He is a lame  
old dog, diffident fellow - so that I do not  
fear he will be the least麻烦 on your hands.  
There is no man in plans of whom substantial care  
I have a higher opinion & therefore I feel  
rather at ease in taking this liberty, which I  
would not do if he were a very ordinary body.

It was a very great gratification to learn from  
your letter as well as from others that I have been  
referred to learn that none of your wife ~~&~~ & so  
few ~~and~~ of the Massachusetts abolitionists had  
suffered from the pain. I had letters from Edmund  
Loring, Mrs Chapman & Samuel May to this  
effect which were very comforting in this respect.

In Ireland except in the enterprising manufacturing towns of Belfast the Panic was little felt. None of our banks failed, and we escaped much better than England Scotland, or we have so little to call the United States in the capacity of creditors, I am told that the New York Herald boasts that by this panic, John Bull has been saved of a large portion of property which he had entrusted to the prosperity of America. Some of our newspapers, my friend the Saturday Review, & very soon after this point said no wonder.

In this Indian country my mind is going through a great revolution by means of it. At first regarded as merely a military revolt, and in common with most others I regarded the massacre and tales of horror and violence with angry disgust. Since then I have had a good deal and I am disposed to think that the English are regards to the state with great solicitude in India, and that the sympathy of the people was with the mutineers, that it is not probable, although the rebellion as it is called may be put down, that Great Britain will ever so far recover her prestige as to succeed in making willing subjects of the natives. I believe that the prejudices against colored, and unlike and contempt toward the natives as blacks and aliens is too strong to be easily eradicated. I don't think the country can ever be safely given up by England except despotically, and they being so it can never be ruled by her with the good will of the people and their priests, & rulers whatever the English enter, may save of ruling the country in such a way as to leave other interests I believe they have上升 to a very

recent time been beneficent, disinterested, &  
generally upright as Alexander, Caesar, & Napoleon  
always claimed to be. They talk of making the  
people Christians. Their rule has succeeded. Was ever  
a tribe of nations made religious by such preach-  
or converted by such arguments as they have  
to offer? See by side with such examples?  
I believe the Indian Mahomedans and followers  
of Brahminism are put as far inferior than as later's  
factory arguments to offer to an <sup>h</sup> de Vere, &  
where could there be of reasoning with him, who  
venerates God omniscient & regards <sup>the</sup> Apostle as one of  
the chief champions of Christianity! The English  
have ruled India selfelessly - as they have until  
lately governed Ireland. How no country in the  
world enjoys a more beneficent, considerate,  
government than Ireland, in as country is their  
greatest political or religious liberty - and yet I am  
confidant that if Ireland were polled, a majority of the  
people (are ignorant) spontaneously, first & secondly, it would  
be said, would vote for the government of Louis Napoleon  
in preference. The priests have the people in their hands  
and a very bad are they master of them. The common  
English are a much less moral & amiable race than our  
- but they are far more truthful surely, greater lovers  
of fair play.

I had <sup>letter</sup> from Mr Chappellay & he says today  
the large enclosure contains a batch of enclosures  
for other people which the author used to send to him  
either with his own eyes or by the help of Mr Webb  
which are far better than mine I have read. They are  
not harsh of a the mean & strong - but only harsh upon  
one string, which is this - that perhaps it will be better  
to have no more Pragmatis - but only to let money in  
future. The idea is <sup>to</sup> be carefully & simply & with  
it well. Unfortunately being written a Wellington or a  
Napoleon (I put the honest men first - they were both born  
in 1769) therefore cannot see a question in all its bearings. As

17 Nov 57 Many of us dream sin very little of any  
value - so little that I despair the people & duty enough  
as they are worth. Those who do lend money with  
which we willingly lend the money & I am afraid  
that if we were ~~concerned~~<sup>troubled</sup> there would be no less  
and a great saving of ~~worry~~<sup>worry</sup> in both sides other words.  
The Chapman case that as matters now go, many in  
the U.S. who fancy they give great help when they buy  
the gifts of others might possibly give themselves if  
they were deprived of this opportunity of throwing dust  
into their own eyes. There is very ~~no~~ <sup>not</sup> a灾祸 - but  
blame runs fast with us it I may run.

In Bellister when I was at school, two old ladies lived  
together, a mother & daughter. They kept a little shop  
wherever were Abby & Becky Widdow, they were  
friends, and as sometimes happen even in one country,  
they failed in business. The older lady was rather  
kind of them catastrophe, and was greatly to repro-  
ach, or say of me spoke "the time when I failed."  
I have also got something to boast of and therefore they  
are able to stand out of my way, since I can never be  
length taken in hand and flared in Frederic Douglass'  
paper by Frederic Douglass himself - once, you, turn-  
ed because I ventured to suggest that John was backbiting  
the Am. A.S. Society, & robbery money for Frede with  
an eye to some duty that he would then be the better.  
enabled to say to that distinguished man. You will  
be happy to hear that my health is good & that I mean  
to make a great display of magnanimity, and indef-  
ference by never noticing the inflection.

Last evening I had an old friend to talk to who  
had just returned from New York after a stay of  
8 years during which he never left the city - a  
quiet day, thinking, discussing old bachelors. He  
went out an abstinent & a poor by means. He has  
returned an abstinent as ever & but a  
confirmed bachelor - exceedingly disgusted with the churches  
and the religious profession.

I have written to Miss Estlin to tell her of my cousin  
intended visit to Rome so that she may have time  
to write by her if she has time of any thing to say.  
I had a very touching letter from her lately, in which  
came to the sudden death of her father, Dr. Peter  
Richard, widow of Dr. P. the celebrated ethnologist.  
She died I think of consumption in the same room in  
which her sister Mrs Fox died a few months before.  
Mr P. was Miss Estlin's favorite aunt and her death  
leaves a great blank in her Boston circle.

Eliza Brigham, I hope to see here shortly, if she be not  
already away in her capacity of bridesmaid to her  
brother George newly married wife. When she comes  
we will hold a grand parlour over there given permission  
from Boston that she in their interest shall not the ceremony  
and all manner its counterpart for Anti Slavery purpose.

Mr Chapman talks of the "College of the Prepared"  
established within the last few years in New England  
for speakers of his little ones - the poor dear woman  
does not know, I suppose, that this child was late as  
her mother and may be her shadow now or long in the  
latter aspiration of the children of Free and Douglass.

I pray to God that my friend Robert Johnson reader  
will return in New York useful amongst the children  
of whom he regards as the salt of that people. He looks  
forward to a court trial of a distribution of the Union as  
the most probable solution of the question of Slavery.

Miss Estlin who <sup>ever</sup> have I heard any thing from  
since brother, and where is she? To think I mean  
to apply this very day that when there is no  
Pain but that I have not heard from her since  
I saw the light of his countenance. In the last letter  
written of the family, shall she not her hands  
full of the care of two of the members of them  
as much as. I am so considerate that I expect  
nothing from her tho' I always rejoice when it comes.

I know that little comparisons are very troublesome  
between - but if you should happen to fall in the  
way of any wild flowers about Rome, particularly  
in the Colosseum or some other of those romantic  
spots such as the Baths of Caracalla I would be  
glad to have a few of them in a very packed suit  
case of paper between. I would then for an old friend  
show them they would gratify. I have not been in  
them nor handled at them, so that if they don't fail  
in your way it makes no matter. By you I mean  
but you, but those youth, men or ladies. And if  
you should make the application in my name I beg  
you to do so in the most proper manner.

A box of Bills & Books from Boston is I hope in  
Dublin & should be here today. I am ~~fully~~ ~~fully~~ ~~fully~~  
about it and would be glad it was here upon this  
letter for that it might tell you whether there  
is any thing in it that trouble particularly of  
harm.

In the matters of gas I am also troubled. I  
find that the dancing Master, a Musico Volontario  
has come before me. It is a terrible sore affliction  
that I believe since connected with the disease.  
But time has also to do with it. Accordingly I  
read less than I used to do - though still I manage  
to get through many books - for am in second nature  
my daughter Deborah uses her gas very little &  
had little complaint by music which she is fond  
of - the place that brother George taught sing and  
so they make a musical trio when they are all  
in the wood. Now since she has the measles - and  
a very slight attack too - about two year since,  
her sight has been weak - & we have discovered  
much that would fatigues them.

I was very ~~wary~~<sup>anxious</sup> to like you that we hear frequently  
of his martimeas from his being ~~the~~<sup>now</sup> here with his  
wife Susan, whom we know better who lives in  
Birmingham. His experience is that she holds her  
own and that she may live for years. I imagine there  
is a good deal that is peculiar about his wife which  
wonderful ability. She has published several books  
lately, two about India. This seems an like most  
of the English, that it is not better to keep the  
country she rule it beneficially. From my  
knowledge I conclude that the subjugation of the  
country up to this very last execution has been  
unjust, rapacious, & unmerciful in every sense  
of principle or international right. I do not  
believe that any country could at a distance of  
less thousand miles with another to good purpose,  
where the language, religion, habits & prejudices are  
totally different from its own, and where an  
invasion is impossible.

Feb. 12—There is a horribly stuped & deformed little. I have  
been down at the wharf day visiting to her master an  
& his boy Slendry off the Bell & other border that  
comes to hand this very day. If I can I will  
send you a Bell by Jacob — perhaps he would  
be afraid to take Liberty Bell into his place &  
then what would all the poor little Sparrows do?

I very often think of you all & would be mightily  
glad I could pop in upon you from under the  
sparrows wing — I hope hence continue with a  
gentle & equable & kind & sedate & yourself my  
faithful correspondent. Yours ever affectionately

How is the time when is the

Rich & Well

& who is the tally care of  
the ship written & I longed at the Marchants exhibition  
that the last when fair, dear & complex in were so  
the caravans would only turn out to be but one half